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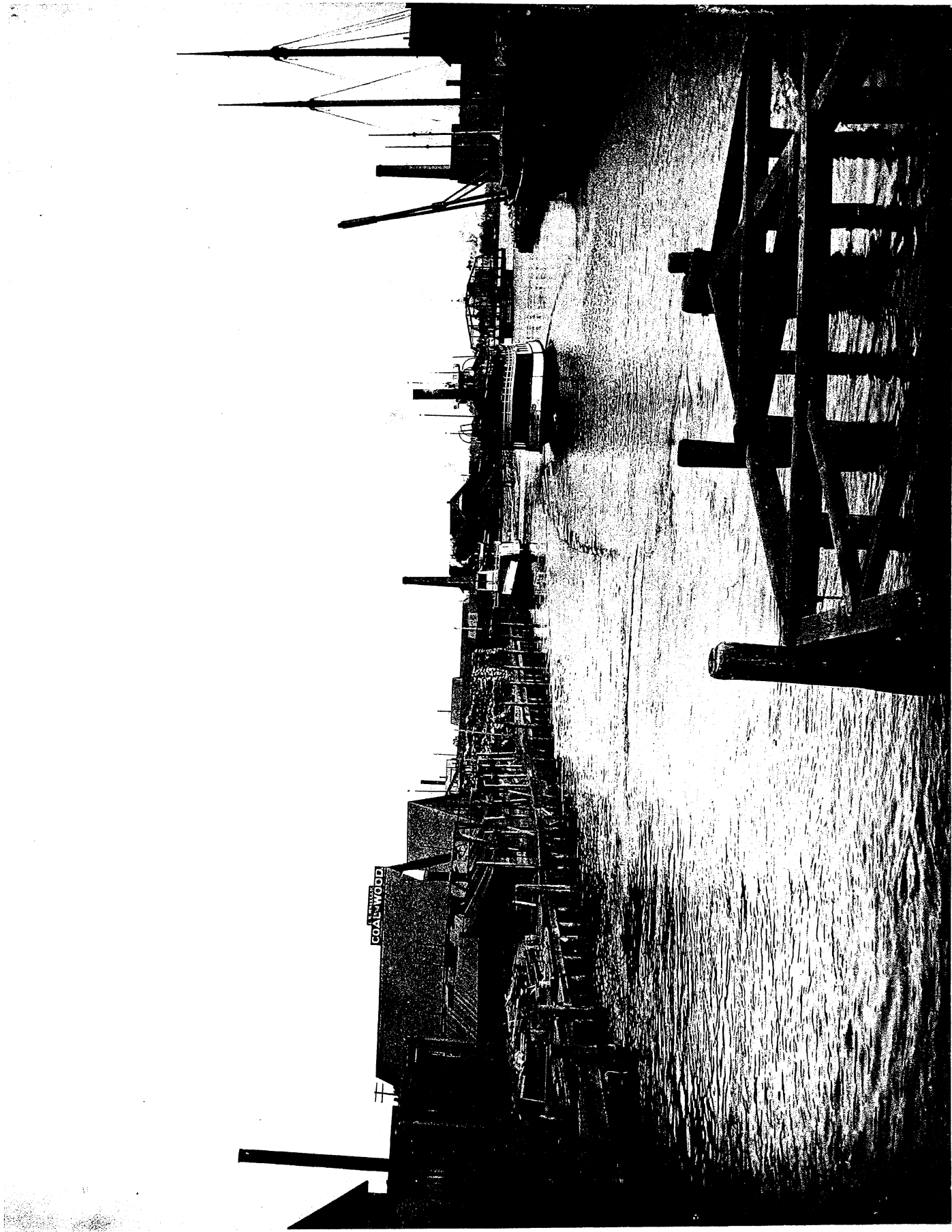


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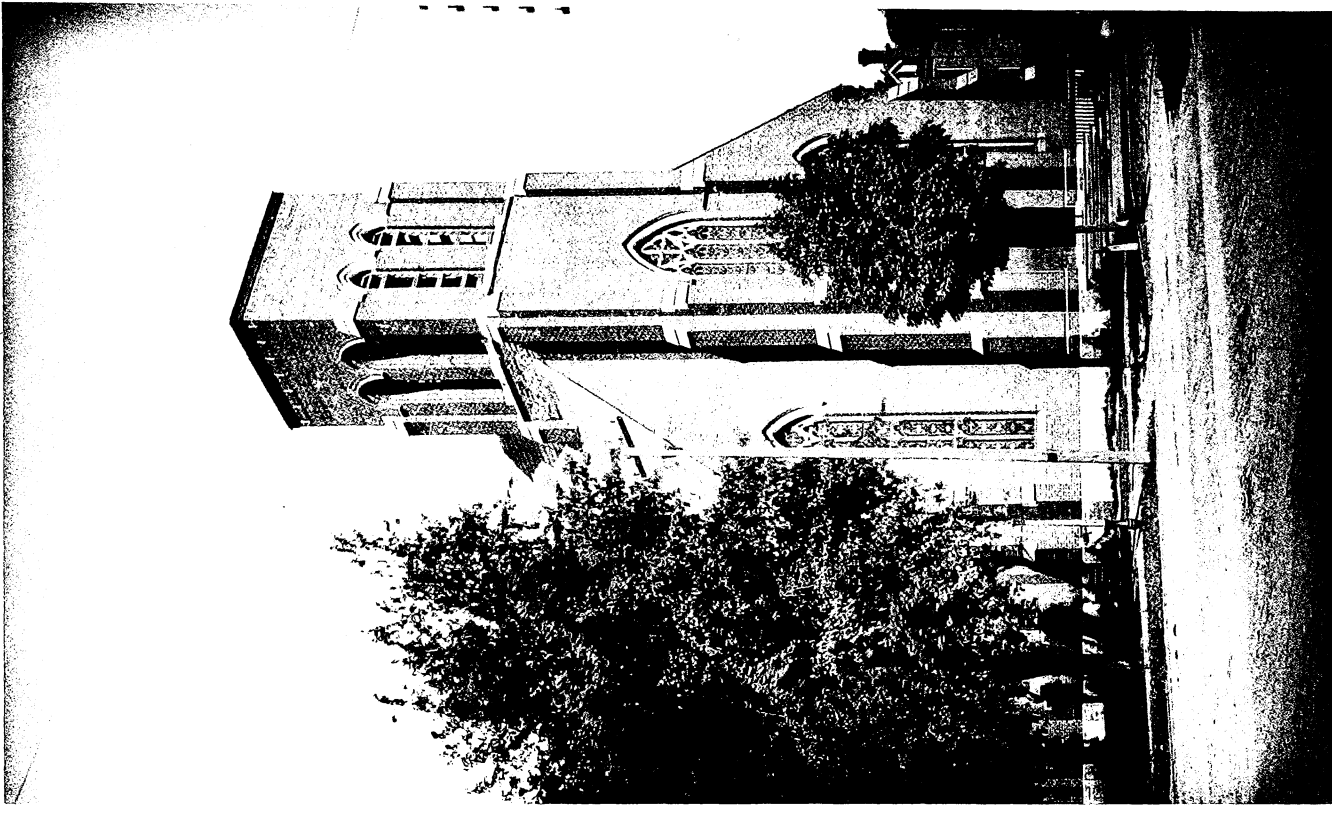
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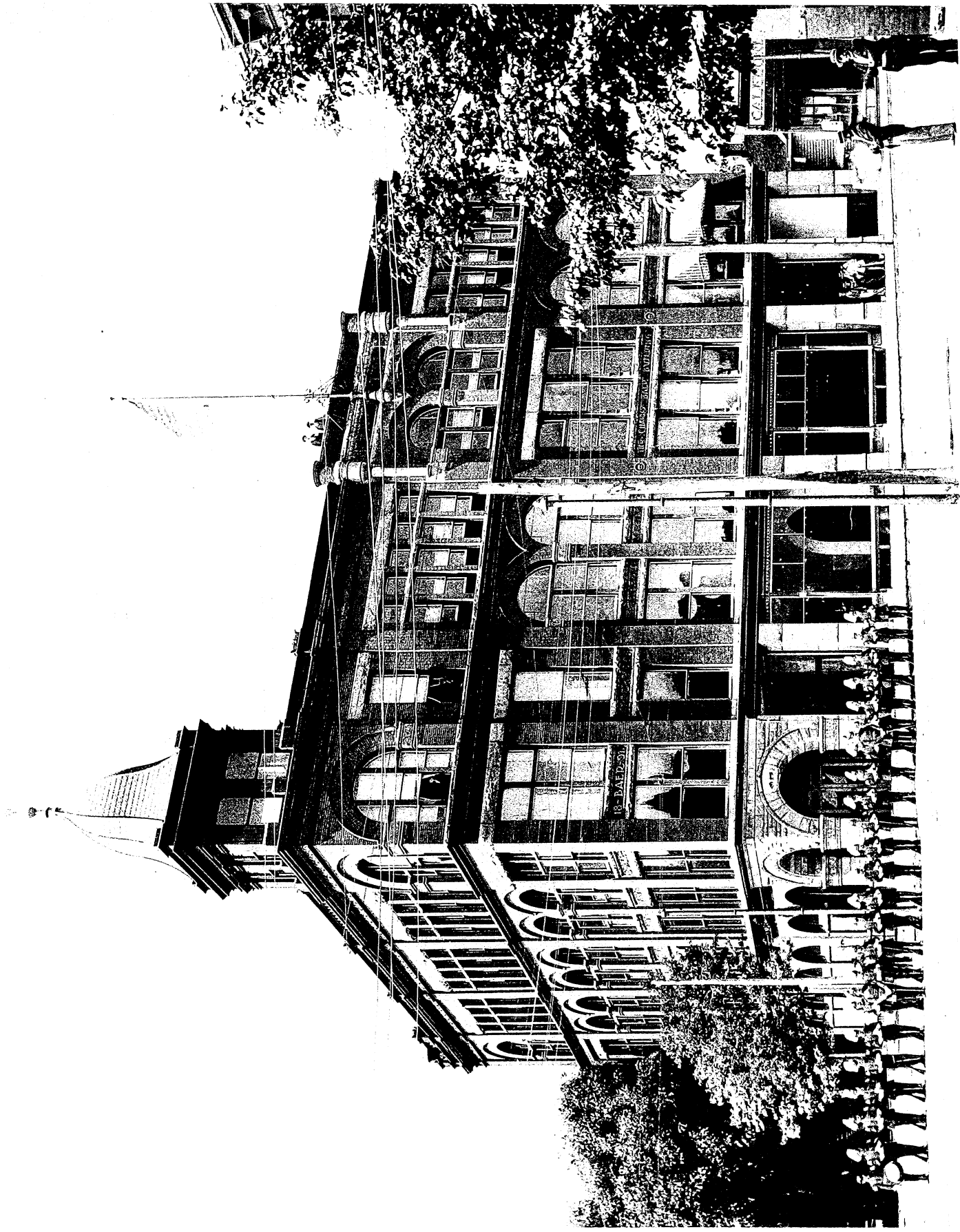
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SCENE ON THE BLACK RIVER, NEAR DUNNS BEND—PORT HURON.

Huron directly from the State of Ohio. Physically speaking, Mr. Edison is a remarkable man, and now at the age of ninety-one he has the appearance of an athlete. It is not my purpose to detract from the intellectual abilities of any man, neither shall I strain a point to construct a philosopher from diluted material. It is quite enough to say that Uncle "Sammy," as he is familiarly called, is the father of the "Wizard of Menlo Park." Thomas A. Edison spent most of his boyhood days in the city of Port Huron, and it was here that his budding genius first showed signs of vigorous growth.

The writer remembers "Al" Edison, as he was called by his friends. "Al" was then a newsboy. It was in Port Huron that young Edison first began to dabble with the subtle element of electricity. It was here he took up the calling of telegraph operator, and some at least of his most important discoveries were first revealed on the banks of the blue St. Clair. It would be superfluous to speak at length of Thomas A. Edison in a sketch like this; the world is familiar with the name and his fame is immortal.

Port Huron was for more than a third of a century the home of Omar D. Conger. Judge Conger was elected seven times in succession a member of the National House of Representatives; he also served with distinction one term in the United States Senate. As a debater he had few equals in either branch of Congress, and his record as a statesman is without a stain. At the present writing our old friend and honored citizen is bowed under a weight of sorrow. At his home in Washington his wife, a very superior woman, to whom he was very strongly attached, has just passed over to that country of eternal bloom where, according to the promise, tired, aching hearts shall find rest. "Misfortunes do not come singly" has been well illustrated in the case of our honored friend; he has also been stricken by disease, and in consequence he could not attend the funeral services of his much loved companion. His old friends and former neighbors in Port Huron deeply sympathize with him in his hour of darkest trial.

During the war of the Rebellion Port Huron furnished her full quota of men in aid of the Union. Amongst those who won distinction was William Hartsuff, who left this county as captain of a company in the Tenth Michigan regiment, and who won, by long service and meritorious conduct the epaulettes of a brigadier. Archie Campbell, also from this city, who served with Sheridan, was also promoted to the rank of brigadier general for bravery and soldierly bearing. William Sanborn also reached distinction in the service and was promoted to

